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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The United States Army Corps of Engineers  
3 constructed the Lucas-Berg Confined Dredged Material Disposal  
4 Facility in the early 1980s with the intention of dumping  
5 sediments dredged from the Cal-Sag Channel about 1,200 feet  
6 into the Lucas-Berg Pit in the Village of Worth; and

7           WHEREAS, The Lucas-Berg Pit is located in an area  
8 surrounded by schools, churches, homes, public transportation,  
9 food establishments, and housing for the elderly; and

10           WHEREAS, Previous studies of dredged sedimentary materials  
11 from the Cal-Sag Channel found that the dredged materials  
12 contained dangerous levels of toxins; and

13           WHEREAS, The dumping of these dredged sedimentary  
14 materials into the Lucas-Berg Pit would settle in proximity to  
15 groundwater and pose a potential hazard to the air and drinking  
16 water of the community; and

17           WHEREAS, The dumping of dangerous dredged sedimentary  
18 materials into the Lucas-Berg Pit poses a threat to the Village  
19 of Worth and its residents due to the possibility of causing  
20 serious illnesses, including mercury poisoning, lead  
21 poisoning, anemia, brain damage, birth defects, kidney

1 dysfunction, and lung impairments; and

2 WHEREAS, Previous studies regarding the Lucas-Berg Pit  
3 were used to defeat attempts by the United States Army Corps of  
4 Engineers from disposing the dredged sedimentary materials  
5 into the pit; and

6 WHEREAS, A new study conducted by the United States Army  
7 Corps of Engineers has identified 20 potential alternative  
8 sites that could replace the Lucas-Berg Confined Placement  
9 Facility; and

10 WHEREAS, New attempts by the United States Army Corps of  
11 Engineers have been initiated to dispose of 17,250 cubic yards  
12 of contaminated sediment per year from the Cal-Sag Channel into  
13 the Lucas-Berg Pit; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
15 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
16 state our opposition to the use of the Lucas-Berg Confined  
17 Dredged Material Disposal Facility and the dumping of dredged  
18 sedimentary materials into the Lucas-Berg Pit due to the threat  
19 to human life and safety in the surrounding area; and be it  
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That we urge the United States Army Corps of

1 Engineers to find an alternative, safe resting site for  
2 sediments dredged from the Cal-Sag Channel; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
4 presented to the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the  
5 Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, and the Village of  
6 Worth.